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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) San Fernando Valley – LAPD and ATF Raid Homes Tied to Gun and Drug Trafficking Suspects

(U) Early yesterday morning, federal agents conducted a raid in San Fernando as part of a larger operation against suspected gun traffickers and narcotics dealers. The suspects, identified as Anival Alvarez, 41, and Maribel Lopez-Reyes, 30, were charged with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and two counts of distributing about one-quarter pound of the drug, authorities said. The couple's home was one of several in the San Fernando Valley raided by Los Angeles police and federal agents as part of a joint, six-month investigation by the two agencies. Seventeen people have been arrested on federal and state firearm and drug charges, including eight yesterday.

SOURCE: 2 November 2016, [LA Times](#)

#### (U) San Francisco – Report Uncovers Nearly 500 Cases of Human Trafficking

(U) In a report from San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, there were almost 500 cases of human trafficking reported in San Francisco last year. The report, updated Monday by the Mayor's Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking counted 499 victims of human trafficking identified by 15 government and community agencies throughout the city in 2015. Victims were not identified in the report to preserve their anonymity, and it is possible that some of the victims may have been counted twice by different agencies, the report acknowledged. Of the almost 500 victims, 122 were minors, almost all of whom were victims of commercial sex exploitation.

SOURCE: 2 November 2016, [SF Gate](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Colorado – Man Accused of Leaving Bomb near Police Station is Indicted

(U) Nederland – A 64-year-old man was indicted for allegedly planting an improvised explosive device (IED) that failed to detonate outside a small-town Colorado police station. David Michael Ansberry faces a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted on the federal charge of using a weapon of mass destruction. On 11 October a detective found a backpack containing a cell phone connected to a battery and a suspicious powder outside the Nederland, Colorado, police station. FBI agents were able to track the cell phone and obtain surveillance video of its purchase. Ansberry was taken into custody in Chicago days after the attempted bombing and initially charged in a criminal complaint with attempted destruction of a building or property by means of fire or explosive.

SOURCE: 2 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) Georgia – Statewide DDS Outage Resolved

(U) Atlanta –The Georgia Department of Driver Services had a statewide outage this morning, which was resolved about 10 a.m. It was the second outage in the past week. Last Saturday, the state's Department of Driver Services announced that computer systems had gone down statewide. The agency is responsible for issuing driver's licenses, renewals, and state ID cards.

SOURCE: 3 November 2016, [Atlanta Journal Constitution](#)

**(U) Mississippi – FBI Investigating Arson at Church**

(U) Greenville – The FBI opened a civil rights investigation into the arson and vandalism of an African-American church in Mississippi, where someone spray-painted "Vote Trump." The pulpit and pews were burned, and soot stained the brick around some windows. An FBI spokesman said it was too early to determine whether the fire should be investigated as a possible hate crime. The fire chief said water from the hoses and heat from the fire also damaged the church's kitchen and the pastor's study. The congregation has about 200 members and has existed for 111 years. An \$11,000 reward was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever set the fire.

SOURCE: 3 November 2016, [AP](#)

**(U) Puerto Rico – Nearly 2 Tons of Cocaine Seized**

(U) San Juan – US authorities in Puerto Rico announced yesterday the largest onshore seizure of illegal drugs in the history of the island: 1,786 kilos (3,933 lbs.) of cocaine. Seven men, all Dominican nationals, were arrested in connection with the case. Four of the suspects were detained in Puerto Rico, while the other three are in custody in the Dominican Republic pending extradition. All but one of the men were indicted three years ago by a US federal grand jury in Puerto Rico on drug-trafficking charges. The cocaine was found in a van parked at the residence of one of the suspects in a housing project on the outskirts of San Juan. Authorities discovered guns, ammunition, and \$30,000 cash inside the home.

SOURCE: 3 November 2016, [Latin American Tribune](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Australia – Police Arrest Two Linked to ISIL**

(U) Sydney – Australian police arrested a man believed to have fought with Syrian militants and a youth allegedly planning to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). The pair was detained in early morning raids in Sydney, underscoring Australia's tough stance on dealing with so called "foreign fighters" heading overseas to join in conflicts in countries including Syria and Iraq. The 24-year-old man and the 17-year-old youth were both charged with breaching Australia's foreign incursion laws, which prohibit travel to foreign countries with the intention of engaging in hostile activity. Police said the 24-year-old man traveled to Syria in 2013, where he joined al Nusra, an affiliate of al Qa'ida, before returning to Australia in 2014. The 17-year-old male attempted to fly to Syria in January 2015 to join ISIL but was stopped by police before he could board the plane.

SOURCE: 3 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Philippines – US Embassy in Manila Warns of Potential Kidnapping Plots**

(U) Manila – The US Embassy in Manila has advised its citizens to avoid going to southern Cebu and avoid the risk of being kidnapped. The advisory, titled "Security message for US Citizens: Risk of Kidnapping in Southern Cebu" was posted on the embassy's website. The advisory said US Citizens should avoid travel to these areas and are reminded to review personal security plans; remain aware of their surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Be vigilant and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

SOURCE: 3 November 2016, [Cebu Daily News](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – Drone-Hacking Cybersecurity Boot Camp Launched**

(U) Cambridge – Potential cyber spies will learn how to hack into drones and crack codes at a new cybersecurity boot camp backed by the government. The minister for digital and culture said students would gain the skills needed to "fight cyber-attacks" and help keep the UK safe. Would-be recruits must pass a series of competency tests to be considered for the boot camp, including a multiple-choice quiz

before they can even submit an application. The successful 50 candidates will attend the academy in London in 2017, and will receive two years of training condensed into 10 weeks.

SOURCE: 2 November 2016, [BBC](#)

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